Reorganisation of CBI

714. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the branches of CBI have been reorganised recently to improve its functioning; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under reorganisation of the CBI, which became effective from mid 1994, 354 new posts in different ranks were created. The CBI has now been divided into three Divisions viz, Anti corruption Division, Special Crime Division and Economic Offences Division. Consequent to reorganisation 14 new branches have come into existence. Three new units at Gangtok, Port Blair and Trivandrum have also been established.

Courts's Direction on J&K Election

715. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court assigned jointly to Government and the Election Commission to determine and decide upon the suitability of the situation to hold free and fair elections to the legislature in Jammu & Kashmir and to fix a time-frame for the same;

(b) if so, what precise directions were given by the Apex Court; and

(c) what was Government's assessment of the situation in J&K and its suitability for holding elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) In November 1995, after careful consideration and detailed deliberations about various aspects of the situation prevailing in the State of J&K, the Government had taken a decision that the situation was conducive and that it would be timely to hold elections to the State Assembly in December 1995. Accordingly, a recommendation to this effect was made to the Election Commission with a request to initiate necessary steps for this purpose. The Election Commission, however, took the view that the time was not yet conducive to holding free and fair elections in the State.

In a Public Interest Writ Petition filed in the Supreme Court against the Election Commission's decision not to recommend to the Governor of J&K the holding of Assembly Elections in December 1995, the Supreme Court had *inter alia* observed in an interim order on 11th January that: "We make it clear that it shall be open to the Constitutional Authorities concerned with the holding of elections in Jammu and Kashmir to continue the dialogue and if they reach a decision in the meanwhile, they are at liberty to inform the Court within two weeks." The Government have since had further discussions with the Election Commission on the question of holding Elections in Jammu & Kashmir on 24 January, 1996, and further consultations in the matter are being continued.

Late Running of Mail/Express Trains

716. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidence of delay in the running of Mail/Express trains;

(b) whether Government have identified these late running trains;

(c) if so, the train-wise and monthwise details thereof in 1995-96 till date; and

(d) the steps taken to maintain the punctuality of different trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) to (c) The

punctuality of Mail–Express trains improved to 88.8% during 1995-96 (April '95 to Jan. '96) as against 87.1% during the corresponding period of the previous year. A list of Mail/Express trains which lost punctuality often between April '95 to Jan. '96 is enclosed. (*see* below).

(d) Intensive chasing and daily monitoring at different levels, including holding of daily punctuality meetings both at Divisional and Headquarters level and Foot-Plate Inspection by Senior Officers of different Departments are undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officers level are also launched and lacunae in the system whenever detected are dealt with.

Statement

Trains

1. 2625 Kerala Express
2. 1077 Jhelum Express
3. 2621 Tamil Nadu Express
4. 2617 Mangla Express
5. 8237 Chhatisgarh Express
6. 8301/8302 Hirakud Express
7. 8477/8478 Utkal Kalinga Express
8. 8475 Neelachal Express
9. 4055 Brahmaputra Mail
10. 5621/5622 N.E. Express
11. 2381 Poorva Express
12. 4667 Malwa Express
13. 2801 Purushottam Express
14. 2841/2842 Coromandal Express
15. 8233/8234 Narmada Express
16. 3004 Bombay V.T. Howrah Mail
17. 5609 Avadh-Assam Express
18. 6636 Netravati Express
19. 8001 Bombay VT-Howrah Mail
20. 1019 Konark Express
21. 3111/3112 Delhi-Sealdah Express
22. 1013 Kurla-Bangalore Express
23. 2479/2480 Goa Express
24. 8689/8690 Bokaro Steel City—Alleppey Express
25. 2553/2554 Vaishali Express

Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

717. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development has sanctioned a total loan assistance of Rs. 185.77 crore to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the completion of some minor and medium irrigation projects in the state; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and by when these projects will be taken up in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 206.93 crores to Government of Andhra Pradesh in the year 1995-96.

(b) The amount sanctioned is for completion of two supplementation schemes (Nizam Sagar Canals), ten medium, forty eight minor and fourteen lift irrigation schemes, which could be received as loan assistance from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and an amount of Rs. 84.50 crore will be borne by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The financing has been made with retrospective effect from 01-04-1995. The identified projects are at various stages of contruction and are programmed for completion by March, 1997.

Payment of Arrears of KV Teachers

718. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has failed to pay arrears of pay and allowances of some post graduate teachers who had been